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CINCSTRIKE FOR RAMSEY
FRENCH AIRCRAFT FOR JORDAN

RE DEPTEL 53, REPTD AMMAN 5; EMBTEL 6986 TO DEPARTMENT

DEPT WILL HAVE NOTED FROM REFEMBTEL THAT [redacted] CITED ONLY INADEQUATE FUNDING AS REASON FOR FRENCH REFUSAL. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JULY 3 [redacted] CONFINED COMMENT TO THIS ASPECT, COMMENTING ONLY HALF JOKINGLY THAT, SINCE WE SEEMED SO INTERESTED IN HAVING THIRD WESTERN COUNTRY PROVIDE PLANES, HE WONDERED WHY WE DID NOT GIVE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE. EMBOFF BRIEFLY INDICATED REASON OUR

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INTEREST ALONG LINES REFTEL, STRESSING NO FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OUR PART INVOLVED. [redacted] INDICATED THAT IN THIS CASE GOF REFUSAL WOULD STAND AND THAT HE EXPECTED NO CONVERSATIONS WITH KING THIS SUBJECT WHILE LATTER IN FRANCE.

COMMENT [redacted] INDICATES THAT, WHILE GOF MAY NOT BE EAGER PROVIDE PLANES TO JORDAN FOR POLITICAL REASONS, FINANCIAL ASPECT ALSO IMPORTANT AND POSSIBLY OVERRIDING. IN THIS LIGHT, EMBASSY CONCURS PARA 6 AMMAN'S TEL 3 TO DEPARTMENT. BOHLEN

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